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April 28, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service Under Tariff and Continued Provision of Service on a Permissive Detariffed Basis

CC Docket No. 02-33

Dear Ms. Dortch,

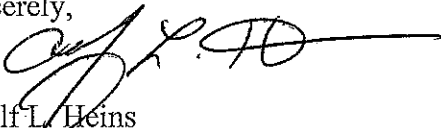
In accordance with the FCC's 2005 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*<sup>1</sup>, Alma Communications Company, Study Area Code 421860, is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Company's discontinuance of common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff, effective July 1, 2017. Alma Communications Company will continue to provide common carrier wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis. In addition, following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Alma Communications Company furnished its affiliated Internet service provider, which is presently the only customer of the Company's broadband Internet access transmission service.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Governor of Missouri, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

Further, Alma Communications Company will continue to provide Consumer Broadband-Only Loop service on a tariffed basis within the National Exchange Carrier Association F.C.C. Tariff No 5.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Adolf L. Heins  
Vice-President  
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Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33, *et al.*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

**Alma Communications Company**  
**Study Area Code 421860**

**Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission  
Service Under Tariff and Continued Provision of Service on a Permissive Detariffed Basis**

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Alma Communications Company currently offers common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Alma Communications Company hereby provides notice that the Company has requested from NECA that it remove the Company as a provider of Digital Subscriber Line Access Services under Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, effective July 1, 2017. Alma Communications Company will continue to provide Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Service (CBOL) under the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Furthermore, Alma Communications Company will continue to provide common carrier wireline broadband Internet access transmission service on a permissive detariffed basis. Alma Communications Company will post the rates, terms and conditions of its broadband Internet access transmission services to its website of [www.alma.net](http://www.alma.net). The Company will also make physical copies of its offering reflecting the rates, terms and conditions available for public inspection at its business office, at the address provided below:

Alma Communications Company  
d/b/a Alma Telephone Company  
102 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 127  
Alma, MO 64001

The discontinuance of Alma Communications Company's offering of broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff, and the continued provision of such service on a detariffed basis, will apply to the entirety of the Company's study area. This includes the following exchanges: Alma.

Alma Communications Company currently has only one customer for its broadband Internet access transmission service. That customer is the Company's own non-regulated Internet service provider (ISP) affiliate. The Company's affiliated ISP purchases broadband Internet access transmission service for use as an input for the broadband Internet access services it offers to residential and business end-user customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of broadband Internet access transmission service will have no effect on the end-user services provided by the Company's affiliated ISP.

On April 27, 2017, Alma Communications Company furnished its affiliated ISP with the attached memorandum, which notifies the ISP of the Company's plan to discontinue its provisioning of broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff and to continue providing such service on a detariffed basis.

cc: Missouri Public Service Commission  
Governor of the State of Missouri  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense



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To: A Net

From: Adolf L. Heins, Alma Communications Company

Date: April 27, 2017

RE: Notice of Detariffing of Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Alma Communications Company provides broadband Internet access transmission service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Alma Communications Company provides broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2017, Alma Communications Company will no longer offer its transmission service under the NECA tariff. Instead, the Company will provide broadband Internet access transmission service on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis.

The discontinuance of Alma Communications Company's offering of broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff, and the continued provision of such service on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis, will apply to the entirety of the Company's service area. This includes the following exchanges: Alma.

To view the rates, terms and conditions of our broadband Internet access transmission services, please visit the Company's website at [www.almanet.net](http://www.almanet.net). In addition, printed copies of the rates, terms and conditions will be available at our office, during normal business hours.

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Please note that the existing relevant rates, terms and conditions of your service will not change until the end of your existing term or upon replacement of a new agreement under the detariffed rates, terms and conditions.

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